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AIR DISTRICT SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR CLEAN AIR AWARDS

Lancaster -- The Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) is soliciting nominations for its fourth annual awards for Achievement in Reducing Emissions (AIRE), which recognize outstanding contributions toward the reduction and/or prevention of air pollution within the Antelope Valley.

Eligible candidates include local businesses, industries, schools, agencies, organizations and individuals who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to clean air through the development of voluntary air pollution reduction and/or prevention programs. Nominated entities/projects must be located within the AVAQMD's jurisdictional boundaries, and nominated individuals must reside within the District's boundaries. Candidates may be self-nominated or nominated by a second party.

Last year the AIRE awards were presented to Richard Campbell, a local conservationist, for his ongoing contributions to dust mitigation in the Antelope Valley; Greystone Homes/Somervale

Estates, a Lancaster-based home builder, for exceptional dust mitigation efforts during the construction process, and Danone Waters of North America, a nationwide water distribution company, for establishing a fleet of dedicated liquefied petroleum gas-fueled delivery trucks in the Antelope Valley.

Nominations must be postmarked or received by Thursday, August 15 at 5:00 P.M. The AIRE Awards will be presented during National Pollution Prevention Week, September 16-22. The Nomination Packet is available online at www.avaqmd.ca.gov, or by calling the AVAQMD at (661) 723-8070.